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The meeting was called to order at 12.05 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY STATES PARTIES UNDER ARTICLE 19 OF THE CONVENTION (agenda item 4) (continued)

First supplementary report of Belarus (CAT/C/17/Add.6) (continued)

1. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Dashuk, Mr. Kozlov, Mr. Mardovitch and Mr. Galka (Belarus) took places at the Committee table.

2. The CHAIRMAN invited the Country Rapporteur to read out the Committee's conclusions and its recommendation on the first supplementary report of Belarus.

3. Mr. MIKHAILOV (Country Rapporteur) said that the Committee's conclusions and its recommendation read:

"The Committee against Torture,

Thanks the Government of Belarus for its timely, but incomplete, supplementary report,

Also thanks the delegation of Belarus for the additional information and clarifications provided,

Notes that the political and legal situation in Belarus allows for reforms that are broad and far-reaching enough to eliminate torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

The Committee especially congratulates the Government of Belarus on its new plans for a modern Constitution, a Criminal Code, a Code of Criminal Procedure and a Prisons Code, which should be in keeping with the provisions of the Convention in order to guarantee its full implementation in the territory of Belarus.

The Committee recommends that the United Nations Centre for Human Rights should provide the Government of Belarus, at its request, with advisory services in legal matters and the training of the personnel referred to in article 10 of the Convention.

The Committee would also be happy to be kept fully informed of the legislative and other measures taken and the results achieved in the implementation of the Convention."

4. The conclusions and recommendation on the first supplementary report of Belarus were adopted.

5. The CHAIRMAN said that any request by the authorities of Belarus for advisory services from the Centre for Human Rights would be endorsed by the Committee, whose members were also ready to help provide any assistance that might be requested.

The public meeting rose at 12.50 p.m.